



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward  
Serial No.: 10/768,263  
Filing Date: January 30, 2004  
Title: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable  
Gas Nozzle

Examiner: Kim  
Group A.U.: 3752

Mail Stop - Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The applicant has received the Office Action dated July 26, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is enclosed. Since November 26, 2006, was a Sunday and today is Monday, November 27, 2006, this is believed proper. Each of the issues provided in the Office Action will be addressed in the same order as provided in the Office Action and a current set of claims in the format as is now presently required by CFR § 1.121 is enclosed.